

Instructions for taking and submitting a turf sample

- * Please [send samples OVERNIGHT](#) so that they arrive here quickly and there is no chance of them drying out. We especially ask that you don't send them so that they're enroute over a weekend -- sitting in our mailbox in the sun isn't a good way to spend the weekend.
- * Payment must accompany sample, we do not send invoices.
- * Don't allow the samples to dry out or be exposed to excessive heat or cold prior to submission.
- * Sample BEFORE you treat with fungicides. Fungicide applications destroy signs of pathogens and make diagnosis impossible;
- * Samples should be 10 to 15 cm² (cup cutter size is ideal) and include foliage, thatch and at least 5 cm of roots and soil;
- * Samples should show a range of symptoms and include healthy, slightly-affected and severely-affected grass. Take the sample from the outside edge of a ring or patch that includes healthy and unhealthy turf. If symptoms are general, collect the sample from an area with intermediate severity.
- * **Note: a completely dead sample is not suitable for diagnosis!**
- * Wrap the sample in newspaper -- then in plastic -- and place in a sturdy box. Do NOT add water.
- * Fill out the [submission form](#) as completely as possible and include with the sample.
- * Questions? Email -- diagnostics@guelphurfgrass.ca